



STATE OF DELAWARE  
**OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY**  
P.O. BOX 1321  
DOVER, DELAWARE 19903-1321  
302-744-2743  
[www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov)

**NEWS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 18, 2009

**NEWS RELEASE**

**CONTACT:** Andrea Summers  
Community Relations Officer  
672-7642 (w) 943-7293 (c )

**13 Arrested for DUI on St. Patrick's Day**

***Among arrests: Driver flees Georgetown checkpoint, Seaford nets \$7K in cash plus drugs***

**Dover** - Delaware law enforcement officers arrested 13 people for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol/drugs during St. Patrick's Day enforcement activities coordinated by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS). Two of the DUI arrests came from checkpoints conducted by the Georgetown and Smyrna Police Departments, while the remaining 11 were the result of DUI saturation patrols conducted by 18 State and local police agencies.

Officers conducting enforcement made a couple of notable arrests. A Laurel man suspected of DUI fled from the Georgetown PD's checkpoint. When he initially pulled up to the checkpoint, officers smelled the odor of marijuana and alcohol, and saw a beer sitting in the console of the vehicle. After a chase, he was apprehended and his vehicle searched. The search revealed approximately 8 grams of marijuana and 26 grams of crack along with \$290.00 in cash. He was arrested on multiple charges including DUI, drug possession, and his vehicle was seized.

Seaford Police officers conducting a DUI saturation patrol Tuesday night stopped an individual and discovered not only drugs but also a passenger smoking marijuana. Officers seized the vehicle and \$7,000.00 in cash along with marijuana and percocet. The driver faces several charges including misdemeanor and felony drug charges, as well as charges of failing to stop at the command of a police officer.

In addition to the 11 DUI arrests on St. Patrick's Day, officers also issued 1 citation for an underage drinking violation, apprehended 1 wanted individual, made 18 drug arrests, 13 felony arrests, and issued 15 citations for speeding, 10 for seat belt violations and 117 for other traffic violations.

Tuesday's arrests bring the total of DUI arrests for the St. Patrick's Day Enforcement effort which included weekend checkpoints and saturation patrols to 52. Campaign totals for other arrests include: 3 underage drinking violations, 10 wanted persons apprehended, 24 drug arrests, 19 felony charges, 1 weapon seized, and citations were issued for 45 speed violations, 24 seat belt violations, 1 child restraint law violation and 287 other traffic violations.

This enforcement effort was coordinated by the Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) as part of its ongoing *Checkpoint Strikeforce* campaign. Nationally, over the last five years, 38% of all St. Patrick's Day deaths have been alcohol-related. For more information on OHS's year round DUI efforts please visit our website at [www.ohs.delaware.gov](http://www.ohs.delaware.gov).

# # #